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SUBJ: PM KIRK'S VISIT

1. NZ AMBASSADOR WHITE AUGUST 6 AND 9 DISCUSSED WITH
DEPTOFFS FORTHCOMING KIRK VISIT, AND ADVISED PM TENTATIVELY
PLANS ON BEING IN WASHINGTON FROM LATE AFTERNOON
SEPTEMBER 26 THROUGH LATE AFTERNOON 28. IN ADDITION
SEPTEMBER 27 CALL ON PRESIDENT, KIRK DESIRES MEETINGS WITH
VICE PRESIDENT, SECSTATE, SENIOR US OFFICIALS DEALING
WITH AGRICULTURE, TRADE, MONETARY, AND OTHER BILATERAL
AND MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS, AND WITH DR. KISSINGER.
KIRK HAS ALSO TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED INVITATION TO SPEAK
AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND HOPES
CALL ON SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. MRS. KIRK
WILL NOT ACCOMPANY AND OFFICIAL PARTY, TO INCLUDE FRANK
CORNER, WILL BE VERY SMALL (PROBABLY LESS THAN SIX
PERSONS).

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2. AMBASSADOR WHITE STRESSED PM KIRK'S DESIRE FOR TRUE "WORKING VISIT" WITH MINIMUM OF CEREMONIALS. AT SAME TIME, HE ADVISED PM CONCERNED OVER FACT VISIT PRESENTLY DESIGNATED AS "PRIVATE," ESPECIALLY SINCE VISIT IS RESULT OF UNSOLICITED INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT. WE ARE REQUESTING WHITE HOUSE REDESIGNATE VISIT AS "OFFICIAL,"

ALTHOUGH SUBSTANTIVE OR PROGRAM DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO VISIT CATEGORIES WOULD IN THIS INSTANCE BE LARGELY NON-EXISTENT.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT PREPARATIONS, WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

A. DETAILED INFORMATION ON ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS OR PREFERENCES PM KIRK MAY HAVE, AND ON HIS PERSONAL INTERESTS, E.G. SPORTS, HOBBIES, INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS, ETC. ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMMING OTHER THAN WORKING MEETINGS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

B. LIST OF SUBJECTS WHICH YOU BELIEVE KIRK MAY RAISE WHILE IN WASHINGTON. ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY WISH OFFER ON TALKING POINTS OR OTHER HANDLING BY OFFICIALS HERE WOULD BE WELCOME. WOULD ALSO WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON TOPICS OR ISSUES WHICH YOU BELIEVE WE SHOULD GIVE EMPHASIS TO, I.E. SUBJECTS OR THEMES TO BE STRESSED AT US INITIATIVE.

4. EA/ANP HAS POUCHED TO DCM COPIES SEVERAL BRIEFING MEMORANDA PREPARED FOR WHITLAM VISIT WITH REQUEST FOR DRAFTS OF SIMILAR MEMOS ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS. TO THAT LIST PLEASE ADD BRIEFS ON SPECIFIC COMMODITY AND OTHER TRADE, MONETARY, OR INVESTMENT QUESTIONS WHICH COULD COME UP IN DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS IN ECONOMIC AREA. ROGERS

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